

## **VILAS COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

**DECEMBER 11, 2012**

This special meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in the conference rooms located in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vilas County Board Chairman Stephen Favorite called the assembly to order at 9:00 A.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on December 7, 2012, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board Chair asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call found the following members present: Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Mary Kim Black, Ronald De Bruyne, Stephen Favorite, Charles Hayes, Sig Hjemvick, Lorin Johnson, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Gary Peske, Charles Rayala, Jr., Mark Rogacki, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Emil Bakka and Edward Bluthardt, Jr. were excused. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by M. Rogacki to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion to be at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING AND 2013 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 special meeting and 2013 Budget public hearing as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

### **OMIT READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNLESS REQUESTED**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

**SUSPEND THE RULES TO ACT ON ANY RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE TEN DAY DEADLINE**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by K. Rushlow to suspend the rules to act on any resolution or ordinance received after the 10-day deadline, but received in time to list to the press and post. All voted aye. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN - None**

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS - Vilas County Civil Service Commission**

Chairman S. Favorite introduced four appointees present today, of the five-member commission. He read five short biographies, highlighting the accomplishments of each of the following appointees.

- Dan Meyer – City of Eagle River – 3 year term
- Waldemar “Wally” Obermann – Town of Lac du Flambeau – 3 year term
- Debra Preuss – Town of Arbor Vitae – 2 year term
- James Sherwood – Town of Conover – 2 year term
- Patrick Norris – Town of St. Germain – 1 year term

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by L. Thorpe to accept the Chairman's appointments to the Vilas County Civil Service Commission. All vote aye. Carried.

The Board then acted on all resolutions and ordinances in the order as posted.

**ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**RES. 2012-133**

**(2013 WAGE INCREASE FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN STAFF)**

*A 2/3 majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Prior to the commencement of any action or discussion on this resolution, Chairman S. Favorite recused himself and left the meeting room. Vice-Chairman C. Mayer assumed leadership of the meeting.

Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by K. Rushlow to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. Chairman S. Favorite returned and reassumed leadership of the meeting.

**RES. 2012-134**

**(BUDGET AMENDMENT – GWAAR FUNDING INCREASE)**

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by A. Bauman to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their budget according to **Resolution No. 2012-134 Funds and Budget Amendment – GWAAR Funding Increase** on December 11, 2012, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §65.90(5), to include the following additions to the expenditure and revenue line items:

Revenue or Expense	Line Item Number	Description	Amount
Revenue	260.43545	USDA C-2	\$1,234.00
Expense	260.54600.907	USDA C-2	\$1,234.00

### **RES. 2012-135**

#### **(BUDGET AMENDMENT – LAKELAND AREA KIWANIS CLUB DONATION)**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Johnson to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their budget according to **Resolution No. 2012-135 Budget Amendment – Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club Donation**, on December 11, 2012, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §65.90(5), to include the following additions to the expenditure and revenue line items:

Revenue or Expense	Line Item Number	Description	Amount
Revenue	100.4800	Public Health Donation	\$300.00
Expense	100.54100.705	Northwoods Dental Proj. Exp.	\$300.00

### **RES. 2012-136**

#### **(IN MEMORIAM – HIRAM VALLIERE)**

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by E. Teichmiller to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**County/Tribal Concerns Committee:** A. Bauman reported that a recent date change, which moved the January 2013 County Board back one week, might affect the availability of both the Circuit Court and Tribal Court judges to attend that meeting as previously planned by the committee.

**Railroad Commission:** R. Sitzberger announced an increase in state funding, earmarked for rail preservation efforts. He announced the construction of a new rail line serving the Ladysmith, WI area.

**Snowmobile Safety Committee:** R. Sitzberger announced the opening of the Vilas County snowmobile trail system. He urged snowmobile enthusiasts to practice safe trail riding, citing current marginal trail conditions and thin ice on lake trails. He stated that the committee is working towards a second fatality free snowmobile season in Vilas County.

**Public Property Committee:** J. Behling reported that the committee would meet this coming Friday, December 14, 2012.

**Legislative & Judicial Committee:** J. Behling reported that the committee met on December 10, 2012. Changes to the Standing Rules, as pertains to the number of annual County Board meetings, are under discussion. Some evening meetings are proposed.

**Personnel Committee:** L. Thorpe announced that the committee was meeting this afternoon. Human Resources Director J. Kahl announced the pending publication of a bi-weekly newsletter, geared for information sharing by department heads and County Board members.

**ITBEC Board:** L. Thorpe announced the recent implementation of an ITBEC website.

**Communication Committee:** G. Peske reported that the Fire/EMS Simulcast communication project was on schedule and within budget. Zoning permits were acquired and an environmental assessment is due for completion.

**Social Services Committee:** E. Teichmiller commented on adverse staffing and transportation issues encountered, due to state reorganization of the Income Maintenance program. He also warned about a current state initiative to redesign human services, based upon a regional concept. He is concerned that state planners are not listening to rural counties, as they proceed with this redesign of services.

**Economic Development Committee:** C. Hayes announced that the committee met earlier this week. He spoke regarding the committee's lack of a budget.

**Zoning & Planning Committee:** C. Mayer announced that an inter-departmental transfer reduced headcount in the Zoning Department. The position will not be back-filled. The transfer may require an adjustment in staff hours worked.

## **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

S. Favorite spoke about a copy of a press release, sent to all members in their County Board packets, regarding the recent open meeting violation allegations. He explained the meaning of "purpose" and "gathering" as outlined in current open meeting requirements.

S. Favorite announced that he was removing himself from three committees. Additional committee membership reshuffling will occur shortly.

S. Hjemvick questioned the effects of the current Voluntary Reduction in Force program. L. Thorpe reported the receipt of two applications. Others may be pending.

## **PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by M. Rogacki to only approve the payment of mileage for today's meeting and to disapprove of paying per diem. Discussion. A roll call vote returned the following results: 7 voted aye. J. Behling, R. De Bruyne, S. Favorite, S. Hjemvick, C. Mayer, G. Peske and M. Rogacki. 12 voted no: A. Bauman, M. Bedish, M.K. Black, C. Hayes, L. Johnson, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, R. Sitzberger, E. Teichmiller and L. Thorpe. Motion failed.

Mileage and per diem shall be paid as follows:

A. Bauman \$100.84, M. Bedish \$55.33, J. Behling \$49.22, M. Black \$94.73, R. De Bruyne \$80.30, S. Favorite \$53.66, C. Hayes \$99.17, S. Hjemvick \$68.09, L. Johnson \$65.32, L. Kukanich \$52.55, C. Mayer \$90.73, D. Nielsen \$70.31, G. Peske \$64.21, C. Rayala \$90.29, K. Rushlow \$50.89, M. Rogacki \$18.87, R. Sitzberger \$74.75, E. Teichmiller \$75.31, L. Thorpe \$48.39.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 10:20 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:

David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.